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(U) Poloff reviewed points in reftel with Ambassador Liberata Mulamula, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Multilateral Division, on May 25, underscoring the worsening situation in Burma and the need for UNSC action. Mulamula said the Government of Tanzania wants more information in order to determine if the situation in Burma constitutes a threat to human rights and international peace and security and is, therefore, an appropriate issue for action by the Security Council. Mulamula said there are different ways of bringing about international attention, that the UN Charter calls for a regional approach, and questioned whether all other avenues have been exhausted. Mulamula said the GOT wants to hear the report of Under Secretary General Gambari's visit to Burma in order to determine appropriate action.

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